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About the latter part of April or the fore part of May a discovery was made in Franklin county, Mo., of great interest and importance to the scientific world. This was the finding of a part of the remains of a prehistoric man, the bones of which were the size of the Neanderthal man. I will give the facts as they are given by Dr. R. H. Beaman, one of the oldest practicing physicians of that county. The Doctor is engaged in mining for lead on the St. Louis and Santa Fe Railroad, twelve miles from the city of St. Louis, in Franklin county, Mo. About the date named the miners, at a depth of 18 feet below the surface, discovered the bones of a man. They were a few other bones, consisting of portions of ribs, a piece of the vertebra, and a portion of a collar bone. The bones were found in a mass of two flint arrow heads of the most primitive type, and a mass of charcoal. The bones and a few pieces of charcoal were also found at the same time and place. Dr. Booth was fully convinced to preserve everything found, but upon being told that the bones were of the size of some of the other bones, broke into small pieces and partly crumbled away, but enough was preserved to show that they were the bones of a man. About twenty days subsequent to the first finding, at a depth of twenty-four feet below the surface, other bones were found—a rib, a piece of the vertebra, and a piece of the collar bone. Several pieces of charred wood—all lying upon what appeared to be a piece of coarse matting, and a few pieces of charcoal were also found.

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her people, and locked up. A young man named George, who assisted the young lady in her endeavors to get away, was badly beaten by members of the Wilson family. He had John W. Wilson arrested on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, and at a hearing before Esquire Vandegrift he was held in the sum of \$1,000 bail to answer the charge at court. After Miss Jennie had been taken

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their acquaintance. Some days after she had been released from the hospital, she was introduced by Miss Labin to her reverend priest as her affianced husband. At the request of the priest, the young man and woman had the marriage ceremony. After a few days they came home, and young Ross came out once to see his fiancée. He was surprised to find her in the possession of a divorce certificate to the parents, whereupon he was pushed out of doors and to the farm where he had been banished. He told his parents, never to knock on their doors. The young man, who was a very good person, was a very good swimmer, and young Ross has the sympathy of the whole community. He is considered a very good person, and a prominent member of the Baptist Church.

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